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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, LEHMAN ABS CORPORATION, 2,959,640 Corporate Backed Trust Certificates, American General Institutional Capital A Capital Securities-Backed Series 2002-17, Class A-1 and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on November 20, 2002. Tentative listing date — November 21, 2002.

Sincerely,

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